THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) The issue of winding up or revival of Indian Road Construction Corporation is still to be decided.

(c) and (d) No complaints have been received in IRCC Project at Libya on Machinery and Equipment.

(e) IRCC officers were deputed to ascertain the condition of machinery, likely cost of repairs, possibility of selling the machine locally or to re-export the same and give their recommendations.

(f) The posts in the National Highways Authority of India are filled up on the basis of deputation/selection for which employees of the IRCC are also considered.

[Translation]

Rani Avantibai Sagar Dam

1919. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the damage caused to Rani Avantibai Sagar Dam due to earthquake in Jabalpur;

(b) whether any scientific test has been conducted in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (c) A joint inspection team of officers of Central Water Commission and Narmada Valley Development Authority inspected the Rani Avantibai Sagar (Bargi) dam on 24th May, 1997. As per the inspection report submitted by the said team, no damage to the Rani Avantibai Sagar dam has occurred due to the earthquake.

[English]

Files on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

1920. SHRIMATI KRISHNA BOSE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of files on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the Indian National Army relating to the 1940s still lying with his Ministry;

(b) whether there are any plans to transfer these files to the National Archives of India so that scholars may study them; and

(c) if so, by when this transfer is likely to take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) 990 files/folders.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) By the end of August, 1997.

Exodus from Defence Forces

1921. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether more than four thousand officers in the Armed Forces have put in their papers requesting relieving after mandatory period of service;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of such officers, service-wise; and

(d) the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Not applicable.

[Translation]

Construction of Airstrips in U.P.

1922. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether airstrips (run-ways) are being constructed/proposed to be constructed by the Government in some places of hilly areas (Uttaranchal) of Uttar Pradesh for convenience of the tourist;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide transit facility to passenger planes by expanding airstrips of Defence Ministry in the border areas of Pithauragarh and Garhwal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Allocation to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya

1923. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the financial allocation made to Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya during the last three years;

(b) the monthly amount spent per student on the food;

(c) whether due to corruption in school management the students are deprived of proper meals; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) The details of financial allocations made for Navodaya Vidyalayas during the last three years were as under :

(Rupees in Crores)

Year	Non-Plan	Plan	Total
1995-96	56.39	192.09	248.48
1996-97	58.57	196.68	255.25
1997-98	61.65	166.84	228.49

(b) The expenditure on food during 1996-97 was Rs. 362/- per student per month. In 1997-98 an amount of Rs. 425/- per student per month has been allocated for food and in case of Vidyalayas located in hard and difficult areas, this amount is Rs. 450/-.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Coaching to Tribal Youth

1924. DR. SAHEBRAO SUKRAM BAGUL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of tribal youth coached by the National Sports Authority, Patiala during the last three years;

(b) whether any reservation exists with regard to coaching of tribal youth;

(c) if so, the number of tribal players who have been beneficiaries of it;

(d) whether any scheme has been formulated for providing the employment to these trained players; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) During last three years, 48 tribal youths have been trained to become coaches under the Diploma course in coaching at Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala and other Sports Authority of India (SAI) centres. In addition, 694 young sports persons drawn from tribal areas are being coached under the Scheme of Special Area Games of SAI.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, upper age relaxation upto three years is available to tribal candidates during admission in Diploma Course in coaching.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. However, SAI helps outstanding players under its schemes in getting employment in Government departments and Public Sector Undertakings.

[Translation]

Spurious L.P.G. Cylinders

1925. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of L.P.G. cylinders produced in the country during the last three years, year-wise alongwith the names of companies engaged in its production;

(b) whether the Government have received any complaint regarding supply of spurious L.P.G. cylinders to consumers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The total number of LPG cylinders procured by Oil Industry from the approved LPG cylinder manufacturers throughout the country during the last three years is as under :

Year	No. of cylinders
1994-95	6443067
1995-96	5684541
1996-97	7241298

(b) and (c) No complaints have been reported regarding supply of spurious cylinders. However, spurious cylinders are detected at bottling plants where such cylinders on detection, are segregated, deshaped, and crushed before final disposal.

[English]

Disputes between the States

1926. SHRI RAJA RANGAPPA NAIK : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of disputes over the sharing of water between the States particularly between Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and Maharashtra and Karnataka; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to solve the dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) Two inter-state disputes, viz. (i) Cauvery Water